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Effects of the Bombing on Hanoi and Haiphong

Since 20 April 1967 a total of 8 JCS designated fixed targets have been struck within a 7 mile radius of Hanoi and Haiphong. During attacks on these targets, approximately 300 sorties have dropped 490 tons of ordnance. Eleven US aircraft have been lost.

Attacks against economic and military targets in the Haiphong and Hanoi areas have undoubtedly caused widespread disruptions to the lives of civilians in these cities. Despite the relative immunity of residential areas from air attacks, up to 18 air raid alerts per day have sounded, sending the populace into shelters or onto rooftops with small arms. Hanoi and Haiphong are about 50 percent evacuated. The evacuated, which must be supplied with food and housing, have imposed a heavy burden on the regime. The evacuation of Haiphong increased after the bombing of the powerplants and cement plants in that city. Recent bombing of Haiphong powerplants has left Haiphong with only the little power that can be generated by diesel generators and visiting ships. Hanoi retains one local plant capable of supplying about 50 percent of the city's normal needs but which could also supply a limited amount of power for priority requirements in Haiphong. Neither city has power available for civilian requirements although propaganda displays may be made. Other services in both Haiphong and Hanoi undoubtedly have been greatly reduced by the indirect effects of the bombing.

The recent attacks against JCS targets in a near Hanoi and Haiphong have brought forth from the North Vietnamese renewed propaganda blasts against "dastardly" US attacks. The North Vietnamese have stressed the use by the US of fragmentation and pellet bombs, damage to residential areas that have caused high civilian casualties, and damage to minor industrial installations such as enamelware factories. Propaganda statements continue to emphasize the determination of the population to resist the bombing and the successes of the North Vietnamese in shooting down US planes.

Present:

JCS review(s)
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**JCS Targets Attacked in the Vicinity
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JCS 82.24	Hanoi Transformer Station - 7 miles N of Hanoi
JCS 80.00	Haiphong Thermal Powerplant West - Northwest Haiphong
JCS 82.12	Haiphong Thermal Powerplant East - 1.7 miles NE of Haiphong
JCS 13.00	Hanoi Railroad/Highway Bridge - 4.6 miles NE of Hanoi
JCS 20.00	Hanoi Railroad Car Repair Shop, Gia Lam - 2.3 miles ENE of Hanoi
JCS 77.10	Haiphong Cement Plant - Northwest Haiphong
JCS 48.00	Haiphong Petroleum Products Storage - 2 miles WNW of Haiphong
JCS 45.00	Haiphong Ammunition Depot, Kien Anh - 4 miles SW of Haiphong

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